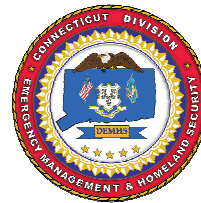




STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION  
**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY**



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## STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Warning for Litchfield County Until 12:15 PM this afternoon. A Flood Watch is also in effect for Litchfield county for the rest of today. At 8:15 AM radar showed a large area of heavy rain over Western Connecticut, moving into Central Connecticut at this time. Some locations in Litchfield County have received 1 – 3 inches of rain during the past 3 hours and another 1 – 2 inches of rain is likely during the next 4 hours. This area of rain stretches back to the West into Eastern New York State.

For this morning towns can expect moderate to heavy rain especially in Northern Connecticut with the likelihood of some urban flooding during the next 3 – 4 hours. The rainfall is then expected to end for a while this afternoon with skies becoming partly sunny between noon and 5:00 PM. If temperatures warm into the mid 80's towns can expect the chance for pop-up thunderstorms during the afternoon.

As a slow moving cool front approaches our area from the Northwest late this afternoon and this evening another round of organized showers and thunderstorms can be expected. Some of the thunderstorms may contain strong winds (5% chance) torrential downpours and a slight risk for an isolated weak tornado (2% chance). Urban and small stream flooding is possible under any slow moving thunderstorms. The severity of the thunderstorms will depend in part on how much sun we get this afternoon. If temperatures reach 85 F then severe thunderstorms will be more likely. The most likely period for strong to severe thunderstorms is from 6:00 – 10:00 PM.

Total rainfall for today is forecast to range from 2 – 3 inches statewide with locally higher amounts up to 5 inches possible in any strong to severe thunderstorms. Overall this is expected to be a minor to localized moderate flooding event and a minor severe event. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest conditions and will send out another update at 11:30 AM or sooner if additional watches or warnings are issued by the NWS.